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1. Mr. Julius Cahn, Counsel to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was debriefed on his recent trip to the Caribbean area. Those present at the debriefing were Mr. Pforzheimer, [redacted]

[redacted] Mr. Cahn spoke in reply to questions for an hour and a half. The main themes of his story were

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b. The tremendous extent of USSR penetrations, considering the comparatively small effort that the USSR was expending and the tremendous potential for further Soviet exploitation if they sought to step up the effort.

c. The tremendous importance of the area to the United States.

2. Following the debriefing, Mr. Cahn spent a few minutes with the DCI to discuss his conclusions. Mr. Cahn asked whether there was anything which he or Chairman Wiley could do to assist CIA in such matters as the Bridges controversy and the DCI briefly set forth his philosophy in these matters. Mr. Cahn subsequently told me that he did not know what lay behind Senator Bridges' remarks, but that they must have been inspired and pushed from an outside source as Senator Bridges had so much on his mind, particularly with a re-election campaign coming up that he would not normally have moved into a matter such as CIA which could not bring him votes or be helpful in his campaign.

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